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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Thursday, January 11, 2007 10 a.m.
Date/Time of Occurrence: Tuesday, January 9, 2007
Nature of Event: Auburn Landscapers Arrested on Fraud Charges
Location of Call: Auburn
Released by: Dena Erwin, PIO (530) 889-6922

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:



AASEN

Two Auburn area landscapers have been arrested on multiple felony charges for collecting customers' money and not performing the work.

Golden Sierra Landscaping owners Roger Jennings Aasen, 52, and Robert Eddy Francis, 39, were both booked at the Placer County Jail following a four-month long investigation by Placer County Sheriff's Detective Rick Harroun.



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After receiving a citizen's complaint, Harroun served a search warrant on the Auburn business in September and seized financial records. Using that information, Harroun was able to locate more victims who had paid for landscaping services without receiving the landscaping.

At this point in the investigation, Harroun said five victims have been defrauded out of \$140,000. Aasen was arrested Monday on felony charges of theft, diversion of funds, financial elder abuse, conspiracy and embezzlement. Francis was booked Tuesday on charges of diversion of funds and conspiracy. Both were released from jail Tuesday with a promise to appear.

Anyone who may have been victimized by Golden Sierra Landscaping is asked to contact Harroun at (530) 889-7849.